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NEW WAR DOCTRINE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Army proposes to hold two division-level exercises in Rajasthan and Punjab to test its new war doctrine;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether army will also keep watch on the situation along the LoC in the coming months and also monitoring the spread of Naxalite activities in the country as reported in the Times of India dated April 8, 2005; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) & (b): The Army is conducting two Division level exercises with troops in Rajasthan and Punjab during 2005, as part of its annual training schedule where certain formations, by rotation carry out manoeuvers to test their operational readiness.

(c) & (d): The Army is deployed along the Line of Control (LOC) and it continues to monitor the situation along the LOC in the interest of national security. However, there is no proposal to deploy Army in anti-Naxal operations.